IN THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

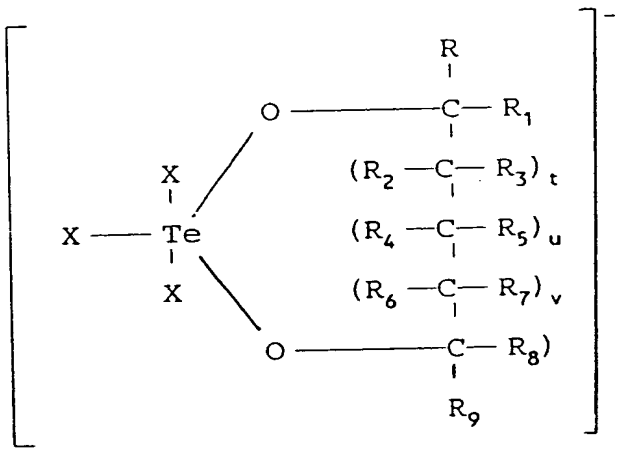
2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

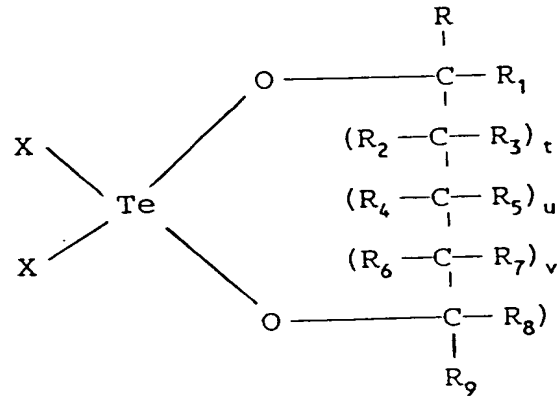
6. (previously presented) A method for enhancing weight gain in poultry, comprising orally administering to said poultry a feed composition comprising, as an active ingredient, a tellurium compound of the formula:



(A)

or the complex of $TeO_2 \cdot HOCH_2CH_2 \cdot NH_4Cl$;

or



(B)

or

TeO_2 or complexes of TeO_2 (C)

or

$PhTeCl_3$ (D)

or

$(C_6H_5)_4$ P+($TeCl_3(O_2C_2H_4)$)-

or

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wherein t is 1 or 0; u is 1 or 0; v is 1 or 0; R, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8, and R_9 are the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, hydroxy, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, halogen, haloalkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxy, alkylcarbonylalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, alkanoyloxy of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons atoms, acyl, amido, cyano, amidoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, N-monoalkylamidoalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, N,N-dialkylamidoalkyl of 4 to 10 carbons, cyanoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons alkoxy of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms 1 and -COR_{10} wherein R_{10} is alkyl of from 1 to 5 carbons; and X is halogen and complexes thereof.

7.(original) A method for enhancing the weight gain in poultry by feeding a feed composition comprising, by weight of the diet,

(a) a standard feeding diet containing about 0.0001% of a non-toxic source of selenium; and

(b) about 0.0005% of a tellurium compound.

8. (canceled)

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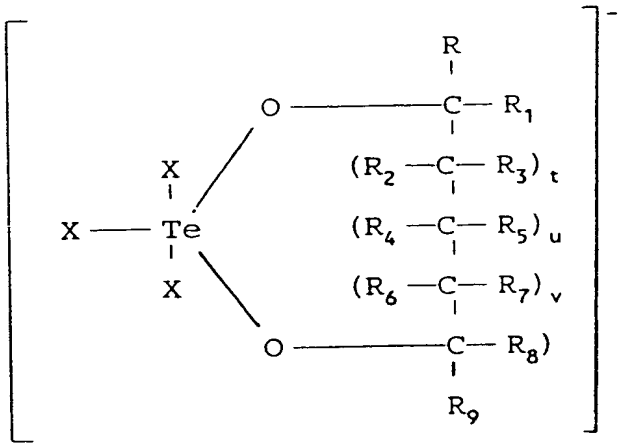
16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A method ~~for feeding~~ for enhancing poultry growth, which comprises administering to said poultry an effective amount of ~~the~~ a tellurium compound of the formula:



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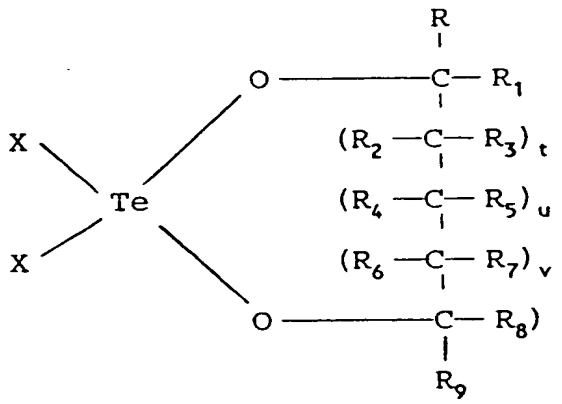
(B)



or

TeO_2 or complexes of TeO_2 (C)

or

$PhTeCl_3$

(D)

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or

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wherein t is 1 or 0; u is 1 or 0; v is 1 or 0; R, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8, and R_9 are the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, hydroxy, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, halogen, haloalkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxy, alkylcarbonylalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, alkanoyloxy of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons atoms, acyl, amido, cyano, amidoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, N-monoalkylamidoalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, N,N-dialkylamidoalkyl of 4 to 10 carbons, cyanoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons alkoxy of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms 1 and $-COR_{10}$ wherein R_{10} is alkyl of from 1 to 5 carbons; and X is halogen and complexes thereof ~~as set forth in Claim 6~~.

19. (previously presented) A method ~~for feeding~~ for enhancing poultry growth, which comprises administering to said poultry an effective amount of trichloro (dioxoethylene-O,O') tellurate.

20. (previously presented) A method for feeding for enhancing poultry growth, which comprises administering to said poultry a feed containing from 0.1 to 20 grams per metric ton of feed of trichloro (dioxoethylene-O,O') tellurate.

21. (previously presented) A method for feeding for enhancing the growth of poultry chicks, which comprises administering to said poultry chicks a feed containing from 0.1 to 20 grams per metric ton of feed of trichloro (dioxoethylene-O,O') tellurate.